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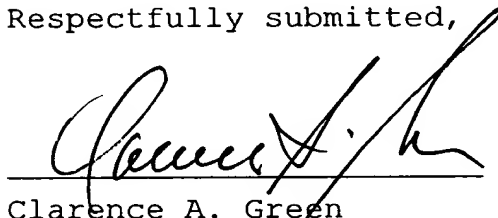
European Patent Application No. EP 00660191. The Search Report cited United States Patent No. US 5,745,695; European Patent Application No. EP 0891115 A and PCT International Publication Nos. WO 97/26764 and WO 99/04582.

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